City Council Meeting   January 20, 2014
City Council Chambers

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 20, 2014. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Christopher Schuchard, Lou Sotelo, and John Stauter. Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no communication from Visitors.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:
   A) 1)   City Council Minutes of December 16, 2013
      2)   City Council Minutes of January 6, 2014 (cancelled meeting)
   B) 1)   Bills and Payroll totaling $978,158.46 from January 6, 2014
      2)   Bills and Payroll totaling $577,892.86
   C) **Ordinance #2014-01-01 Extending a Special Use Permit** on the proposed sports complex at Oak Grove Avenue and St. Mary's Road to December 31, 2014
   D) Award bids for 2014 MFT General Maintenance Materials to all bidders to allow flexibility

Bidder	Ag Ground Limestone unit/total	Bituminous Patching unit/total	Bituminous Mixture unit/total	Aggregate Surface unit/total	Location/Miles
Twin City Const. Sterling, IL			62.00 12,400		K's Corner 1½ miles
Conmat, Inc. (Civil) Freeport, IL	4.25 425.00	80.00 12,000.00	57.50 11,500.00	5.25 10,500.00	Palmyra Quarry
Martin & Co. Oregon, IL	3.80 380.00	46.00 * 6900.00	46.00 9200.00	5.25 31,500.00	Dixon Wastone or 1318 IL Rt 64
Alliance Materials Dixon, IL				6.00 12,000.00	Emerson 4.20 miles
Fischer Excavating Freeport, IL				4.95 9,900	No location listed

   E) Approve Updated Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Office of Comptroller and the City of Sterling for the Local Debt Recovery Program
The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston.

Alderman Stauter expressed concern that several neighbors were not in favor of Ybarra's sports complex and we have now extended the Special Use permit twice.

Stauter stated that he is not against the project. He hopes that Ybarra is able to proceed in this time frame but understands the neighbors' concerns.

Voting on the consent agenda: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Sotelo, and Stauter. Nayes – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard reported that Chief Cook is waiting for an estimate from the insurance company on the Fire Engine #3 that was overturned during an ice event. Wednesday is the deadline for the grant application on the Lawrence Brothers building. Shumard encouraged Council members who were not attending the Chamber dinner on Thursday to check out the development meeting at the County. He has been meeting with the School District about the reconstruction of Fifth Avenue between LeFevre and Miller Road. Construction will be next summer at an estimated cost of $500,000.

Alderman Elston asked if the street near Lincoln School would be done this year. Shumard stated it could be done in May.

Alderman Cox asked what will be done with Christmas trees stuck in the snow banks. Manager Shumard was unaware of the situation and would contact Allied Waste.

Alderman Elston asked when budget meetings would begin and if the Coliseum remodeling is complete. Manager Shumard stated that budget meetings will probably start the second Monday in February. There are just a few items left on the punch list for the remodeling. Mayor Lee asked if the pipe in the atrium had been repaired. Shumard stated it is fixed until the next arctic blast.

Mayor Lee thanked Public Works and emergency personnel for their efforts during the winter weather we have been experiencing. He congratulated Alderman Sotelo on his team's championship at the DeKalb indoor soccer league.

Mayor Lee stated that we received the request too late for the agenda but announced that January 26 through February 1, 2014 is Catholic Schools Week.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk